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Our teaching is really working! Last week vandals wrote “your gay” in texta on a seat. Before we could get it removed some of our children noticed it. Their only comment – “They’re really dumb they don’t even know it should be you’re!” We loved it! It’s great for us to see our teaching efforts having an effect in all areas.

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Free Bookpacks at Parent Information Sessions

Thanks to those who attended our Parent Information Evening last week. Lots of parents came to hear all we had planned for their children. This also gives children the message that mum and dad value school and expect great things from their children. We have sent bookpacks or cheques to the following families who won bookpacks by attending.

Kinder – Taylah
Year 1 – Daisy
Year 2 – Luke
Year 3 – Kye
Year 4 – Jay
Year 5 – Tenayah
Year 6 – Jeremy

Leaders Induction Assembly

Congratulations to our new leaders. It was wonderful to see so many proud parents pinning on badges of office last Friday at assembly. This years’ team are exceptional. They are really on the ball and organised and it is already having an impact on our school. We are all looking forward to a fabulous year.

Band Memberships Available

Our band is continuing this year and we are really looking forward to some great performances. This was one of the ideas we started as a result of the meetings help in late 2011. Many children get sporting opportunities but the chance to be in a band is rare. We are hoping to continue this into the future. If you have a child in Years 2 – 6 who may be interested, please ask for an information pack at the office.

Busy Week.

Don’t forget our annual swimming carnival on tomorrow (21st) at Mingara. Everyone is very welcome and we are always looking for assistance with the day. Please see Mel Gillon if you are able to assist. Boardies Day Fundraiser is on Friday (22nd). We have a speaker from Toowoon Bay Surf Club at our 2.00pm assembly, everyone welcome. Our first Bunnings Barbeque is on Sunday (24th). Our P&C are always looking for helpers and they spend all money raised on the children at our school. If you are able to assist please contact asap. Thanks in anticipation.

Brain Gym Session for Parents

We have been using Brain Gym strategies with our students this term. This is a program that utilises movement for whole brain learning. It is a series of quick and easy movements that settle
children for learning by preparing them to access all areas of their brain. While it has been
around for a number of years we are focusing on it at present as another tool to assist your
children.

If you would like to know more, why not come along to the parent session conducted by Lisa
Vankouwerden on Tuesday next (Feb 26th ) at 2.00pm in the staffroom.

**Tweaking the Level Cards again!**

As you are aware, we have been looking at the way we talk about our values, rules, consequences
and rewards over the last 12 months. We have looked at making the levels a little harder to get
and the rewards less expensive for parents.

One of the concerns many teachers have had is the way the levels depend on the one before. This
can mean you are silly in term 1, perfect for the rest of the year but still not get Platinum Award.
This year we are trialling a system where the slate is wiped clean each term and children start
fresh each term. Again this is a trial and we would appreciate any feedback about this.

**Grade Meetings for Semester 1**

Twice a year we conduct grade meetings to give parents a chance to chat about what is
happening in specific grades. While we don’t talk about individuals, it is a chance to discuss
problems specific to that grade or deal with any questions.

It is very informal and a great way to get to know the parents at our lovely school on the hill.

The sessions for this semester are as follows and will begin at 9.15am in the staffroom;

Kinder – Tuesday 26th Feb
Year 1 – Tuesday – 5th March
Year 2 – Tuesday – 12th March
Year 3 – Tuesday – 19th March
Year 4 – Tuesday – 26th March
Year 5 and 6 – Tuesday – 2nd April

Look forward to seeing you there. Morning tea will be available and toys for littlies.

**Staff Changes**

Wendy Britten will be on Long Service Leave from tomorrow 21st February. We wish her well
and welcome Alicia Page onto her class.

**Gentle Reminders**

Killarney Vale Public School requests that all students leave the school via the pedestrian gates
only. **Students leaving through the carpark gates on either Henricks Rd or Wyong Rd do so
at their own risk and strictly under their parent’s responsibility.**

Lately, some people have been driving in and out of the gates while children are leaving the
school. This is very dangerous as children are not expecting cars to move between 2.55 and 3.15.
Please do not drive in or out at these times. **If this continues you will force us to lock the gates
as we have a duty of care to protect children on the school site.** Thanks in anticipation.

As we settle into the new year don’t hesitate to contact us with anything we can do to help on
43881066.